



**VOSH PROGRAM DIRECTIVE:02-426A**

**ISSUED: May 1, 1992**

**SUBJECT: Enforcement Procedures for Occupational Exposure to Formaldehyde**

**A. Purpose.**

This Directive provides inspection procedures and guidelines as well as page changes and Appendix G to be followed when conducting inspections and issuing citations for workers potentially exposed to formaldehyde.

**B. Scope.**

This Directive applies VOSH-wide.

**C. References.**

OSHA Instruction CPL 2-2.52 (Nov. 20, 1990).  
OSHA Instruction CPL 2-2.52 CH-1 (Oct. 7, 1991).

**D. Cancellation.**

VOSH Program Directive 02-426 (Sept. 15, 1991).

**E. Action.**

The Assistant Commissioner, Directors and Supervisors shall assure that employers comply with the requirements of the provisions of this OSHA Instruction. Some of the existing pages in OSHA Instruction CPL 2-2.52 (Nov. 20, 1990) have been replaced with pages from CH-1 of OSHA Instruction CPL 2-2.52 (Oct. 7, 1991), as follows:

Existing Pages to 02-426

Replacement Pages

11-12  
17-18  
19-20  
None

11-12  
17-18  
19-20  
G-1

**F. Effective Date.**

May 1, 1992.

**G. Expiration Date.**

Not Applicable.

**H. Background.**

Refer to Section "F" of the attached OSHA Notice.

On July 15, 1991, OSHA issued a proposed revision to the formaldehyde standard, 29 CFR 1910.1048, in a response primarily to a remand by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit in UAW v. Pendergrass, 878 F.2d 389 (D.C. Cir. 1989). The page changes address the interim enforcement policy as a result of the proposed amendments.

**I. Summary.**

The attached directive provides inspection procedures and guidelines for conducting inspections and issuing citations for workers potentially exposed to formaldehyde. The attached directive also provides page changes and Appendix G to the Enforcement Procedures for Occupational Exposure to Formaldehyde.

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e-Attachment: OSHA Instruction CPL 2-2.52 (Nov. 20, 1990) with new pages from OSHA Instruction CPL 2-2.52 CH-1 (Oct. 7, 1991) incorporated.

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